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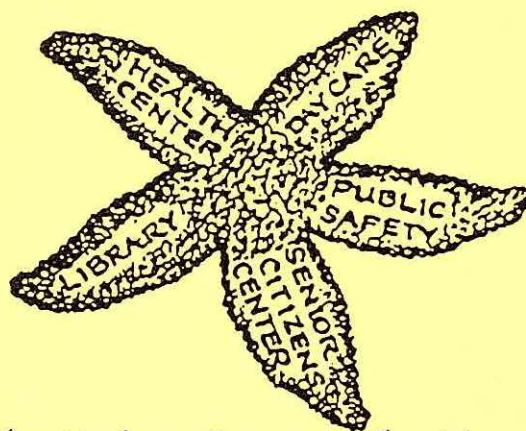
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

September 2010

Volume 30

Issue 9

Peaks Island Elementary School

New Faces at Peaks Island Elementary School:

- Cindy Nilsen, coming from East End Community School, is our new Teacher Leader and also the teacher of Grades 4 & 5
- Chrissie Libby, coming from Lincoln Middle School, will teach our kindergarteners
- Kate Conley is replacing Marge Mehler as our Special Education Teacher
- Mark Faulkner, coming from East End Community School, will work as an Educational Technician
- Gail Dufour is replacing Sukie Rice to teach Music on Wednesdays
- Pat Reed is replacing Rachel Perry to teach Art on Wednesdays
- Phil Skillings is replacing Chris Bearce to teach Physical Education on Mondays

New curriculum has been added for third graders! They will be learning Spanish, in two weekly lessons, on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have just been notified that our Spanish teacher's name is Andrew Roy.

Welcoming us to our new school is your marvelous established staff:

Maureen Cott, teaching Grades 1 and 2

Julia Dilger, teaching grade 3

Robin Walden, Diane Price, Joni Beliveau, Beau Boyle, Ljubica Forkapic, Rosemary Mason, Diane Eacret, and Kathy Newell are all returning as well.

We are all working hard to ready the school and our classrooms for your children. This will be an exciting year, we are sure. ☺

Want to Keep in Touch All Year?

If you would like to have the STAR mailed to you starting in September, please bring or mail \$8 with your name and mailing address to the library, 129 Island Avenue, Peaks Island, Maine 04108. Checks should be made out to the Peaks Island STAR. Your subscription will run September 2010 through June 2011. We do not mail the STAR in July and August.

Peaks Island Council Notes

The following are the times and places for upcoming meetings and workshops:

September 8, 2010 Workshop – 6:30 PM @ Community Center
September 18, 2010 Public Dialogue- 10:00 AM @ Community Center
September 22, 2010 Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM @ Community Center

The Island Council's website is: <http://www.peaksislandcouncil.info/> For those without computer access, the same information is available in the Library.

The public dialogue is held the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to Noon normally at the MacVane Community Center. This is your opportunity to speak directly in a small group setting with your Island Council.

Peaks Island Tax and Energy Assistance

Fall is a particularly busy time of year for all of us. Our summer friends begin to close up their cottages, our children return to school, and adults leave their summer schedules behind. Our computers will be our source of communication with our friends from away. Peaks Island will begin to quiet down and our thoughts turn to the seasons ahead and what that will mean. PEAKS ISLAND TAX and ENERGY ASSISTANCE is gearing up for property taxes which are due on September 9th. Soon after that our energy season will begin.

Applications for Tax Assistance may be found on the Library Bulletin Board. So that we may pay all property taxes on time, the applications must be made by September 8, 2010. If you are approved, the amount agreed upon between you and the clergy will be paid to the City of Portland or to your escrow account. Please contact one of our clergy: Pastor Beau Boyle, Pastor Desi Larson, or retired minister Ruth Williamson, (our clergy panel members) if you need assistance or know someone who does. We want to keep our friends and neighbors in their homes on our beloved island.

The cooler weather will be here soon. Our funds are a little more limited this season, but we will do our best to keep everyone safe and warm this winter. Our applications for Energy Assistance are on the bulletin board at the Library. Please make sure the application is complete before you give it to a clergy member,

Our golf cart raffle was a huge success. A heartfelt thankyou to all who bought tickets and supported our raffle. We did add \$4450 to each of our funds. Our ongoing fundraisers, the Loaf and Ladle Dinners have been very successful averaging a profit of \$300 each month. In reality that is only a single payment for fuel for an island family. We want to gently remind our friends that Tax Deductible donations may be made at any time. If you wish to honor family or friends by donating to our funds, we will send an acknowledgement on your behalf to let them know you have made a donation.

Donations may be mailed to: PITA and Energy Assistance
P O Box 126
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

To join our committee, please call Cynthia Pedlikin at 766-0067.

Jane Adams, Ralph Ashmore, Roxanne Bailey, Diane Clark, Christina Foster, Jane Gerard, Sandy Lucas, John O'Brien, Cynthia Pedlikin, Howard Pedlikin, Teresa Shull and Doug Smith. Michelle Boyle and Charles Burr, adhoc.

PEALS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

Lions Club Organization Grants

Organizations that would like to be considered for a Lions Club Grant should contact Lions Club President, Clark Smith, by telephone, mail or e-mail by October 20th. The grants will be awarded at the October 25th Lions Club meeting. **Telephone: 766-5537; Address: P.O. Box 102, Peaks Island, ME 04108; e-mail: csmith2557@aol.com**

Lions Club Scholarships

Peaks Island residents and children of Peaks Island Lions members who are currently attending or expect to matriculate in a technical school or college for the fall semester should submit a written scholarship request to the **Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Peaks Island Lions Club, P.O. Box 102, Peaks Island, ME 04108** to be eligible for a Lions Scholarship for the 2010-11 school year.

Your letter must be received by September 15th and should state your expected field of study and the school that you will be attending. Your intent to volunteer for Peaks Island Lions fundraising events (bakes, pancake breakfasts, rentals), community activities (Halloween Party, Variety Show, Holiday Party, Lions Road Race) and for grounds maintenance and repair should also be included in your request.

Seeking New Lions Club Members

The Peaks Island Lions Club is seeking new members for the Club. Become a Lion.

Pancake Breakfast Cancelled at The Lions due to Scheduling Conflict

The Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Sons of the American Legion, Post 142 from 8-11AM on September 5th. Pancakes, eggs, sausage and bacon. Adults \$6, children \$3.

CERT Prepares for Emergencies

CERT, our Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team will meet Monday, September 20th at 6:15 PM in the Community Center to plan training and other programs for the Fall.

Our CERT team also want to thank the generous contributions by the Peaks Island Fund which will enable us to purchase and support four emergency stand-alone gas generators. They will be used to assist police and fire emergencies, for islanders' medical support equipment, and for power to pump out flooded basements when needed.

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Senior News

Peaks Island seniors met on August 9th for their pot luck luncheon. We seniors really know how to put on a spread. The food was outstanding.

Rhonda and Kevin entertained with their blues and country songs with great guitar playing. We sure do love their repertoire of songs.

In September we will be going back to the Senior Community Center.

Our next pot luck luncheon will be held on Monday September 13th at the Senior Community Center at 12 noon on Central Avenue.

All seniors are welcome. Mark the date on your calendar and come. Many of your friends will be there.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746

Parochial Vicar: Father Michael Seavey

Sunday Masses are at 8:15 and 9:30 AM thru Labor Day Weekend but switch to one Mass at 10:15 AM for the rest of September. All are invited and details are on-line at www.cluster21portland.org.

Information: Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage: Call Father Lou.

AA: Meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

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Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

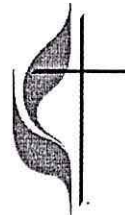
Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds

We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation

3 Church Street, Peaks Island, Maine, email: brackettmumc@yahoo.com

The Rev. Desi Larson, Pastor; Laura Glendening, Administrative Assistant

Phone: 207-766-5013 On the Internet: www.brackettmumc.org



September 5th Sunday Worship - 9 a.m.

Sunday Worship September 12th returns to 10 a.m.

~~~September Activities and Events~~~

***Scripture Study***, Monday mornings at the parsonage, 8:15. *No meeting on Labor Day, 9/6.*

***Prayer Shawl Ministry***, Wednesday mornings at the parsonage, 10 -12. All are welcome!

For more info call Rebecca Stephans, 766-3017.

***Thrift Shop***, Saturday, September 4, 10-1. Stop in to shop for or drop off gently used clothing and household goods. For more info call the church office, 766-5013.

***Teen Night***, Fridays, September 10 & 24, 7-10 p.m., fellowship hall. Drop in for pizza and ping-pong. Open to all island youth grades 6 - 12. For more info call the church office, 766-5013.

***Taize Worship Service***, September 15, 5:30 p.m. Join us for quiet, low-key worship with candlelight, silence, prayers, gentle music, and ecumenical readings.

***Church Supper***, Thursday, September 30, 5-7 p.m. End of Summer Feast, featuring: chicken, ham, salads, fresh bread & desserts. Free. All are welcome!

For more info call, 766-5013.



PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER

87 Central Avenue

P.O. Box 52

Peaks Island, Maine 04108

766-2929 Fax: 766-5073

Office Hours

Mondays, Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kitty Gilbert, FNP, sees infants to adults

Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lois Tiedeken, ANP, sees ages 13 and older

Mary Grimaldi, Clinical Assistant/Administrator Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

We will be closed on Monday, September 6 to observe Labor Day. Lois will be out of the office on Friday, September 10 with Kitty covering. Our lab tech is scheduled for Friday, September 17 from 8:30 to 10:00.

Please call the office at 766-2929 to schedule appointments. If you call during business hours and no one answers the phone, it means we are either on the other line or we are assisting other patients. Please leave a message. We will return your call as quickly as possible.

When the Health Center is closed, please call your Primary Care Provider. If you do not have a Primary Care Provider and/or you are visiting the island and you are in need of medical services, please go to either Maine Medical Center Emergency Department or Mercy Emergency Department. For true medical emergencies, please call 911.

PEAKS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

PEAT meets on the 3rd Monday evening of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 at 25 Crescent Ave.

Join us in observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of The Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. Starting on Sunday September 19 and ending on Saturday September 25, we will attempt to remove all the man-made trash from the shoreline of Peaks Island. But wait! Don't throw anything away! We plan to categorize and count every individual piece of trash and send our findings to the Ocean Conservancy for tabulation.

Here are some of the things to look out for: cigarette filters, plastic bags, food wrappers or containers, caps & lids, plastic bottles, paper bags, straws & stirrers, cups, plates, forks, knives, spoons, glass bottles, beverage cans. These items are listed in the order of the frequency with which they are found worldwide. Would you believe that last year 28% of the beach litter in the world consisted of cigarette filters?? Folks found 3,216,991 filters, to be precise. And that's just the ones that they happened to spot and pick up in a single week!!!!!!

Please watch the bulletin boards and email lists for how to volunteer for a specific place or time or where to drop off your trash and how to help us in recording it. Consider having a beach party or other gathering of friends to participate in this special week.

*"Trash doesn't fall from the sky, it falls from our hands, and what falls from human hands can be prevented."*



**PICW will be closed from August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**SCHOOL-AGE CARE:** We hear you!!! We know how expensive child care can be, especially for families who have multiple school-age children. Beginning in September, our sibling discount for school-agers during the school year will be drastically increased. We will be offering a 50% discount for the second child and a 75% discount for the third child for children enrolled in our program. (Come talk to us if you have more than 3 children!) We also have our After School Club membership. For \$25 per school year, your child can attend for \$10/hour on a space-available basis and receive special discounts for Afternoon Explorers series, Afternoon Explorer Wednesdays, Afternoon specialty weeks, vacation camp and summer camp. This is a great option for snow days and for when you need care on an occasional basis.

**AFTERNOON EXPLORER WEDNESDAYS:** Coming soon....special activities for early Wednesday release afternoons. We commit to providing your school-agers with affordable, adventurous and fun Wednesday afternoons.

**ISLAND YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE:** Special thanks to the Peaks Island Fund for their generous support to obtain an AmeriCorps Apprentice from the Island Institute. Among the assigned tasks, the Apprentice will research Peaks and other Casco Bay Islands for the needs of island youth. We plan to collaborate with anyone who currently offers or who plans to offer programming for island teens and tweens. The Apprentice will also engage the island youth in specific projects. You'll be hearing from us more on this as the endeavor unfolds.

**ISLAND ROVERS:** Special thanks to our amazing vendors, artists, and individuals who helped to make this a truly spectacular summer camp experience for many year round islanders, summer islanders and mainland children. We grew out of our space for several of the weeks and rented space at the Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church, for which we are truly grateful.

**FOOD PANTRY:** We are in desperate need of donations. Due to a lack of food on the shelves, we will NOT be open on the first Saturday of the month in September. We will be regrouping in the fall to gear up for the winter months. Food and money donations accepted.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** We still have space open for children ages 2.5 to 5 for our preschool program. We are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and are considered to be a "program of quality" as recognized by Maine's Quality for ME rating system. We have part-day and part-week options.

**EXPANDING HORIZONS:** Our Steering Committee held its first meeting and we are off and running with this Maine Family Literacy Initiative Planning Grant. Lori attended training and networked with other grantees from other planning grants, implementation grants and lighthouse exemplary family literacy programs.

## Home Start

On Monday, July 19, 2010, the Portland City Council voted unanimously to approve a conditional rezone to allow Home Start to build two new energy-efficient affordable homes and to rehab/replace the existing home at 18 Luther Street. The plan is now before the Planning Board for a second, in depth site review. They have scheduled a workshop on the plan for Tuesday, September 14 at 3:30 pm in room 209 of City Hall. Public comment is welcome at this meeting. Following the hearing, an on-island neighborhood meeting and a Planning Board Hearing will be scheduled. Meetings will be announced as they are scheduled.

Home Start is applying for to the new MaineHousing Islands Program for \$350,000 in outright grant funds to rehab the existing home at 18 Luther Street and to build a new home on the property. The goal is to rehab the existing home as a rental, to build one home as a rent-to-own, and to build a second home for home ownership.

A dollhouse, built by board member Ginny Rynning with the assistance of local talent has been on display over the summer. The dollhouse raffle sales have been brisk. Take a chance and buy a raffle ticket! The winning ticket will be drawn Labor Day at noon down front. Thanks to those who provided furnishings, artwork, and design work as well as the ticket holders!

The next Board meeting is Thursday, September 16, 7:00 pm at the Fay Garman House Community Room.





FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM  
P.O. Box 41  
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207) 766-3330 • [fifthmaine@juno.com](mailto:fifthmaine@juno.com)

As the very busy summer season on Peaks winds down, the Fifth Maine volunteers have a chance to catch their breath before gearing up for the next big event – our traditional end of the season Harvest Supper on Columbus Day week-end. But that's not to say we'll be idle during the month of September. With kids back in school, Tricia and her committee will be busy developing new enrichment activities for students and our docents will continue to greet visitors on weekends after Labor Day. On September 18 Phil Daligan will be hosting the last concert in the Songwriters by the Sea series. This one features singer/songwriters Randall Williams and Strause and Company. Phil, himself, has been known to start off the evening with his own original songs. The music starts at 7:30 pm and a donation of \$10 per person is suggested. Please join Phil and his guests for an evening of great music by the sea.

**September at the Peaks Island Branch Library**

**in the Community Building**

**766-5540**

**email [peaks@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:peaks@portland.lib.me.us)**

**Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12**

The pile of chewed leaves under a food cover net on top of the inside book return is really a rearing container for tiny baby caterpillars we are raising until they become Monarch butterflies. This project came about through the Portland Public Library's partnership with Cornerstones of Science, a science literacy initiative located in Brunswick. We received the baby caterpillars via UPS shortly after they hatched. Many of you have watched them munch and grow. Thank you to all our "expert advisors," including Jocelyn Hubbell from Cornerstones, Cindy Nilsen at the Peaks Island School, summer resident Jon Strand, and Jon Kelso from the Children's Workshop and to our various milkweed suppliers. Your knowledge and encouragement have been indispensable. If all goes well, we will tag and release the butterflies when they emerge this month (September). If you haven't seen them, come have a look. There are books and other materials for you to check out to learn more about the process and why people are so interested in raising Monarchs.

**First Tuesdays Book Discussion** will meet September 7, at 7pm in the Community Room to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Stephanie Castle will moderate. This is your chance to bring book suggestions for the next six months and to offer to moderate a discussion. Usually the person who chooses the book is the moderator. Everyone is welcome. Though many attend regularly, each meeting is open to anyone interested.

The book for the October 5 meeting is *Half the Sky, Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof. Christina Foster will moderate the discussion. Call (766-5540) or email ([peaks@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:peaks@portland.lib.me.us)) to reserve a book. Please include your library card number.

**PreSchool Story Time** will resume Friday, September 10 at 10:15. Parents interested in **Nursery Rhyme Time** for infants and toddlers please come on Wednesday, September 8, at 11. We will poll the group to decide the best day and time for you.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR:** Saturday, September 25, by 6pm. Bring articles copy ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or under the door when the library is closed.



## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management Department

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise (766-2970 or [dlm@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:dlm@portlandmaine.gov)) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Denise will be on vacation Labor Day week – phone messages and emails will be checked on September 3 and then again on September 13.

### BLOOD DRIVE – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Due to extreme heat, the July 6 blood drive was postponed and rescheduled for Thursday, September 2. There is a crucial need for blood – YOUR help is needed! Our goal is to collect 35 pints of blood. Minimum age to donate is 17 years of age – with no maximum age! All donors must bring a photo ID. To make an appointment, please register on-line at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of community room. Home-baked goodies for the donors are always appreciated!

11:00am – 4:00 pm at GREENWOOD GARDEN

### “OLD-FASHION” GAME DAY at the Lions Club

Thursday, September 2 11:00am to 4:00 pm

Bring your own picnic, enjoy the view from Greenwood Garden and play old-fashion lawn games. Attention parents: children (ages 6 and up) will be kept busy jump roping and hula hooping while you donate blood. Volunteers needed.

### THURSDAYS at the GARDEN – BYO picnic

September 16, 23 and 30 – meet at Trott Littlejohn Park  
Enjoy Fall at the community garden. BYO picnic, sit at the picnic table, eat & admire the view (11:15am-12:15pm)

### “MYSTERY” TEA on PEAKS ISLAND

Thursday, September 16 1:00 pm – meet at com. rm.

Enjoy an hour of socializing at a “mystery” island location. Pre-registration required. Drivers needed.

### FREE MOVIE on PI: “YOUNG @ HEART”

Monday, September 20 1:00 – 2:45 pm, com. rm.

This movie is based on the real life Young at Heart Chorus (average age of 81), based in Northampton, MA. Watch as they rehearse for a home-town concert, which succeeds in spite of several heart-breaking events. Special event below.

### MEET “YOUNG AT HEART” ISLANDERS

Thursday, September 23 1:00 pm – community room

Share what keeps you “young at heart”. Millie MacIsaac will talk about the longevity study her family was in.

### “OPEN HOUSE”: AROUND TUIT WORKSHOP

Friday, September 24 anytime from 11 to 2 (com. rm.)

This workshop makes organizing photos, recipes & going through piles a lot more fun! Bring a project & get it done!

### TRAVELOGUE: LABRADOR

Monday, September 27 2:00 pm – com. rm.

Guest speaker Ken Jackson will share photos & stories of this “off-the-beaten-track” part of Canada. Light refreshments will be served. Bring your Recreation passports!

### ATTENTION ADULT BASKETBALL PLAYERS:

Evening basketball will start on Tuesday, September 28

Open to all those 18 years of age and above

6:00 – 7:50 pm at the PI School Gym \$2 per night

### BINGO FUN

Thursday, September 30 1:00 pm (community room)

Laugh, have fun, and win some “great” prizes!

### ON-GOING EXERCISE PROGRAMS – ADULTS

Please call Denise at 766-2970 to check on availability

Mondays and Thursdays (community room)

8:15 am Walk Program

9:30 – 10:30 am Low-Impact Aerobics w/weights

Tuesday afternoons (community room)

2:00 – 4:00 pm Table Tennis for Adults



### Saturday Night Movies in September



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

| Sept | 6 PM                                                     | Sept | 8 PM                                        |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------|
| 4    | <i>Dick Tracy</i> (1990) PG, 101 min                     | 4    | <i>Waiting for Guffman</i> (2001) R, 84 min |
| 11   | <i>Matilda</i> (1996) PG, 95 min                         | 11   | <i>War of the Worlds</i> (1953) NR, 85 min  |
| 18   | <i>Tom &amp; Jerry: The Magic Ring</i> (2002) NR, 62 min | 18   | <i>Autumn Sonata</i> (1978) NR, 90min       |
| 25   | <i>Planet 51</i> (2009) PG, 91 min                       | 25   | <i>Crossing Over</i> (2009) R, 113 min      |

Children must be accompanied by an adult.